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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Reconnaissance, CIA

SUBJECT : NRP Budget for FY-1967

REFERENCE : D/NRO's Memorandum, dated 4 November 1965,  
[redacted] Subject: Same as above

1. In response to your request for comments on the reference memorandum, we have attached specific notations for each budget line item. In preparing our comments, we have experienced considerable frustration at the limitation of our knowledge of the Air Force programs. This, of course, cannot be held against the Agency, since we are in no way privy to the details of non-CIA programs in the NRP. It does highlight the fact, however, that there should exist within the Agency the facility to make meaningful comments to you and, in turn, to the Director on any aspect of the NRO activities.

2. We strongly urge that you avail yourself of the D/NRO's invitation to have the NRO Comptroller, [redacted] provide answers to the comments and questions which we raise in the attached paper. Additionally, we feel it extremely necessary that you receive a detailed exposure to all NRP programs and we gladly offer the services of this Office to listen for you in this matter.

3. We would like to call your attention to a particular comment in the last paragraph of Dr. Flax's reference memorandum. In that document and in the "NRO Financial Management Procedures in Relation to CIA Participation," the NRO Comptroller desires the latitude of taking a budget submitted by CIA into discussions with OSD and BCS personnel before ExCom approval and even before agreement reached by the NRO and the Agency as to the desirability of the budget submitted. He firmly contend that the DCI and the ExCom should review the entire NRP Budget before submission to the Secretary of Defense and/or the Bureau of the Budget. Then once ExCom has

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endorsed the budget, it could proceed forward through normal channels. Our fears are that should the budget reach the OSD and ECB level, it could rapidly be lost in concrete without the benefit of ExCom's endorsement or its desire to the contrary. Additionally, there is a decided benefit to be gained in permitting the IAC and ExCom the opportunity to assign relative priorities to programs in the event that funding for the total NRP proposed budget is doubtful.

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT TO:  
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Comments Regarding Line Items in October FY-1967  
NRP Budget Estimates

A. CORONA

25X1 CIA's requirement for CORONA payload costs in FY-1967 is [REDACTED]. Since the narrative does not include a breakdown of payload associated costs, we cannot comment as to the adequacy of this item. Suggest NRO elaborate on details of the CORONA item.

B. New General Search

This funding appears adequate. CIA's portion of this allocation in FY-67 should approximate [REDACTED]. The Air Force requirements should not exceed total allotted; however, again it is difficult to judge not knowing the composition of the figure.

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[REDACTED]

D. SIGINT

Unable to comment. Recommend briefing for DCI by NRO.

E. Advanced Cartographic

Reference 29 September 1965, [REDACTED] memorandum to Dr. McMillan from the DCI asking for a briefing for COMOR and USIB on the development of a new cartographic satellite system. We are unaware of any NRO response to the DCI.

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F. Satellite Control Facilities

No comment.

G. AFSPPL Photographic

25X1 The [REDACTED] recommended by the D/NRO certainly compares favorably with the [REDACTED] granted Eastman-Kodak. We are not privy to the extent of [REDACTED] contributions here to the NRP, but the figure does appear rather high. Suggest a briefing would be in order itemizing a comparison between [REDACTED] and E-K activity.

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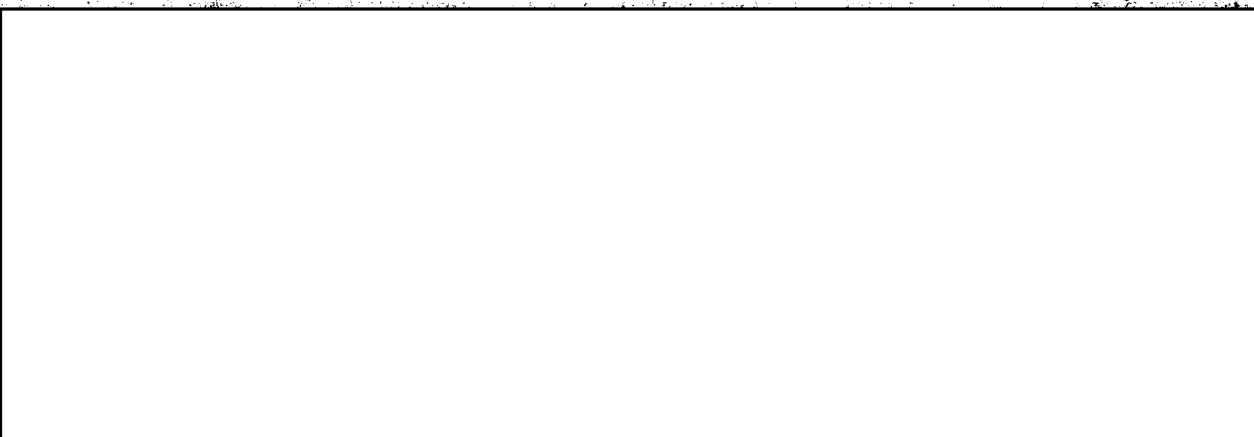
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I. Applied Research/Advanced Technology

OSP did not specifically budget for this line item in the NRP on the basis that the Agency would provide the "seed corn" money for such research. Under the intent of the NRO Agreement, however, it is apparent that CIA rightfully has a claim to the NRO for such funding. Accordingly, we would look forward to the NRO in FY-67 allotting up to [redacted] for such advanced research. We would be hard pressed, however, to identify specific items at this time which would comprise the [redacted] estimate. It should be noted that under the aircraft and support programs budget, [redacted] has been allotted for general R&D and "possible sensor R&D on satellites." We are unable to determine apportionment which the NRO gave to this figure.

K. Miscellaneous Development

No comment.

L. Miscellaneous Investment

No comment.

M. Miscellaneous Operating

No comment.